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In re:	Patent Application of Andrea Heilemann, et al.	:	Group Art Unit: 1623
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated December 1, 2004 ("the Office Action"), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including May 1, 2005, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner of all pending claims, in view of the following amendments and remarks.